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OPERATION 'ECLIPSE'APPRECIATION AND OUTLINE PLANSECTION IINTRODUCTION AND OBJECTSINTRODUCTION

1. The code word 'ECLIPSE' is defined as "Plans and preparations for operations in EUROPE (excluding NORWAY and the CHANNEL ISLANDS) in the event of German surrender".

2. "Operations in EUROPE" will include:-

a. Operations in the liberated countries until control is taken over by their respective indigenous governments or by US or British Commanders upon the termination of the responsibility of the Supreme Commander.

b. Operations in GERMANY until control there is taken over from the Supreme Commander by the Tripartite Military Government or by US and British Commanders

3. The definition of "surrender" is as follows:-

a. When a German Government and/or German High Command formally signs the Instrument of Surrender,

OR

b. When the major portion of the German forces opposing us has capitulated or been overpowered. In this alternative a decision will be taken by the Supreme Commander as to when 'OVERLORD' gives place to 'ECLIPSE' and an arbitrary date for the change over will be fixed.

It is considered that the second of these two alternatives is the more likely.

4. The first day of Operation 'ECLIPSE' will be known as 'A' Day.

5. Many of the aspects of Operation 'ECLIPSE' will apply to Operation 'OVERLORD' in GERMANY prior to 'A' Day.

OBJECTS

6. The objects of Operation 'ECLIPSE' are to carry out, within the sphere of responsibility of the Supreme Commander in EUROPE (excluding NORWAY and the CHANNEL ISLES, regarding which see paragraphs 10 and 11 below):-

a. The primary disarmament and control of the German forces, including para-military and police formations, thereby preventing a renewal of hostilities.

b. The enforcement of the terms of surrender or (in the event of there being no formal surrender) of the will of the Supreme Commander, during the period of his responsibility, by the maintenance of a strategical and tactical air threat and by the occupation of strategic areas on the Continent.

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c. The establishment of law and order, as far as the military situation permits.

d. The initiation of steps to complete the control and disarmament of the German forces.

e. The redistribution of Allied forces into their respective National Zones in GERMANY.

7. Concurrently with these objects:-

a. Early steps will be taken to commence the relief and prompt evacuation of United Nations Prisoners of War and of United Nations displaced persons.

b. Such assistance will be afforded to the United Nations' agencies and indigenous governments in the relief and rehabilitation of the liberated countries as does not interfere with the military objects, or as may be ordered by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

8. The Supreme Commander's sphere of responsibility for the occupation of GERMANY (which does NOT include AUSTRIA) is defined in Appendix 'A'. Prior to Russian forces advancing to occupy the Russian zone, however, it is assumed that the Supreme Commander's sphere of operations is not limited by the boundary of the US/British/Russian zones of occupation.

9. AUSTRIA is to be occupied on a tripartite basis, the US/British forces being found by Allied Force Headquarters. For planning purposes, it will be assumed that, as far as the German frontier is concerned, ~~British~~ ^{U.S.} forces will occupy the GAU (provinces) of TIROL - VORARIBERG and SALZBURG and ~~Russian forces~~ ^{the city of} OBERDONAU.

OPERATIONS IN NORWAY AND THE CHANNEL ISLANDS

10. Plans and preparations have already been initiated for the occupation of NORWAY in the event of German surrender ('APOSTLE') or of a German withdrawal ('ALADDIN'). Should 'ALADDIN' not have occurred before 'ECLIPSE', it will be necessary to phase in 'APOSTLE' with the 'ECLIPSE' operations, and reference to this operation will be found accordingly throughout this paper.

11. Similarly, plans and preparations for the re-occupation of the CHANNEL ISLANDS under various circumstances have already been made under the code name of 'NEST EGG'. Should Operation 'NEST EGG' not have been carried out when 'ECLIPSE' occurs, it will likewise be necessary to phase it in with the 'ECLIPSE' operations.

TARGET DATE

12. For planning purposes it will be assumed the 'surrender', as defined above, may take place at any date from now onwards.

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SECTION II

PROBABLE FORM OF GERMAN COLLAPSE AND RESULTING CONDITIONS IN GERMANY AND DENMARK

FORM OF COLLAPSE

13. The possibility of the overthrow of the Nazi Government by movements within GERMANY is at present remote. It is considered, therefore, that there will be no collapse of the German armed forces and no acknowledgment of unconditional surrender until the enemy has suffered a further major defeat such as would enable the Allied forces to penetrate deeply into the REICH. If this defeat occurred in the WEST, the Eastern front would not necessarily collapse until its position became untenable owing to our advance; on the other hand a major defeat on the Eastern front would probably cause a rapid collapse in the WEST.

14. While the personality and prestige of VON RUNDSTEDT (the present Commander-in-Chief, WEST) could make it possible for him to arrange for the surrender of the majority of the forces under his command, it is more probable that after a further major defeat the German Army on one front or another would lose all cohesion. Piece-meal surrenders by local commanders or groups of commanders might then take place, with no formal surrender occurring on the whole front.

PROBABLE CONDITIONS IN GERMANY AFTER COLLAPSE

15. Certain generalisations may be made as to conditions likely to prevail in GERMANY after the military collapse, though there will be regional variations. It will be impossible for the mass of the people, and indeed of the armed forces to escape the conviction of an overwhelming defeat. The vast majority are likely to be too physically and spiritually exhausted to continue the struggle. Only local anti-Allied action is therefore probable, at any rate for some time. In certain areas conditions approaching civil war may be anticipated, with either or both sides seeking support for their cause by showing assistance to the Allies.

16. Systematic sabotage will be aimed at but its effectiveness will depend on the speed of the Allied advance. Some SS groups will probably continue to resist; and individual fanatics in the cities and small guerilla bands in mountainous areas may take a considerable time to round up. Areas of guerilla activity, if this eventuates, are likely to define themselves rapidly.

17. Though most unlikely, there may be an attempt at a dramatic last stand about the Nazi leaders in, for example, the BAVARIAN Alps; and there is a possibility that isolated garrisons on defended islands, such as HELIGOLAND, may hold out even after the rest of the country has been overrun.

DENMARK

18. The Danish indigenous government (now in dissolution) is likely to reassume civil control in DENMARK as soon as conditions permit after the liberation of the country. It is believed that this government will extend an invitation to the Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Military Mission to go to DENMARK and will cooperate fully with the Allies.

19. The Danish people are likely to assist the Allies in every way and there is a well organised and disciplined resistance movement throughout the country but its personnel are not yet fully armed. The country is most unsuited for guerilla action.

20. If considerable German forces remain in DENMARK after the arrival of our forces at the German-Danish frontier, Danish resistance will probably be too weak to take effective action to disarm and control them. In this case we can expect the Danish Government to invite us to send in a force. If, however, no effective Danish government is in being, we may be compelled to send in a force, uninvited.

21. If on the other hand German forces have to a large extent evacuated DENMARK before our arrival at the frontier and there has been no large influx of Germans from NORWAY, the Danes may well be able to deal with the situation themselves and will not require us to send in forces.

SECTION III

OUTLINE OF OPERATION 'ECLIPSE'

22. Our operations will fall into two main phases, according to the priorities of the tasks to be undertaken. The phases will almost certainly overlap.

a. Primary Phase. An advance by our forces, conducted with the maximum speed that is consistent with security, designed to secure especially important strategic areas deep inside GERMANY, including BERLIN, and to extend our air threat. This is really the consummation of 'OVERLORD'.

b. Secondary Phase. The deployment of our forces to secure additional strategic areas; to establish firm control throughout the Supreme Commander's sphere of occupation in GERMANY; to carry out the disarmament and disposal of enemy forces in GERMANY and any still remaining in occupied countries; and the adjusting of the dispositions of national forces to coincide ultimately with the national zones of occupation.

23. The agreed national zones of occupation in GERMANY are defined in Appendix 'A' and illustrated on Map 'MB'.

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SECTION IV

CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING THE PLAN

GENERAL

24. Subsequently throughout this appreciation and plan, the primary and secondary phases are dealt with separately. This is NOT intended to indicate that there will be no overlapping between the phases: such of the action required in the secondary phase as can be conducted simultaneously with the primary phase should be implemented without any delay. Nevertheless, the broad principle that action required in the primary phase has overriding priority will be maintained.

PRIMARY PHASE

ADVANCE THROUGH GERMANY

Objectives

25. The Easterly objectives, to which our thrusts should be primarily directed are:-

- a. BERLIN. To gain control over the enemy's capital and foremost administrative and transportation centre; to secure important intelligence targets and information centres and installations; and to display our armed strength.
- b. HAMBURG-KIEL area. To gain control over the German naval organization; to secure an important port and industrial area; and to isolate German forces in NORWAY and DENMARK.
- c. NUREMBURG-REGENSBURG-MUNICH area. To gain control of the main administrative centres of Southern GERMANY; and to secure the main communications from the SOUTH, thereby isolating enemy forces in ITALY, AUSTRIA and the BALKANS. (This objective is of lower priority than a. and b. above.)

In addition, depending on the conditions obtaining at the time, forces might be required to advance to:-

- d. The LEIPZIG-DRESDEN area. To gain control of this important industrial area; and to cut the main communications from PRAGUE, thereby isolating German forces in South-East EUROPE.

26. In addition to any areas which must be occupied to ensure adequate security to our L of C (see paragraphs 30 - 32 below), the RUHR and the SAAR must be secured (unless they are already in our hands) owing to their intrinsic importance as centres of industry and population.

Method of Advance

27. The main axes of advance will be in extension of the axes on which our forces are deployed at the time when 'ECLIPSE' begins, and will be adjusted only as is necessary to assist the rapidity and security of our thrusts to the Easterly objectives.

28. If airborne operations to BERLIN and KIEL prove, at the time, to be the quickest method of introducing our forces into these areas, they should be staged provided that conditions permit.

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29. If Russian forces have already advanced into the Supreme Commander's sphere of occupation, our advance will have to be closely coordinated with their withdrawal, and our forces in BERLIN will only be required to occupy the AEF Sectors of the city.

Security

30. Although it is unlikely, after surrender there is a risk that the armies that were opposing our forces may, if opportunity offers, renew the struggle. Furthermore, enemy reserve forces and resisters may attempt to interfere with the L of C of our Easterly thrusts. We must, therefore, take steps to secure our position and to protect our forward L of C.

31. The essential measures required to do this are:-

a. The primary disarmament and masking of enemy field forces in contact with our forces.

b. The primary disarmament of enemy ground and air forces astride or flanking our initial axes of advance.

c. The maintenance of a strong air threat both to the enemy's army, navy and air forces, and to his industrial and political centres.

d. The controlled concentration of German forces into areas selected by ourselves.

e. The disposition of ground and air forces for the protection of the lines of communication, and for securing focal centres of transportation adjacent to them.

f. The institution of military government progressively with the occupation of areas along the lines of communication.

g. The arrest and detention of as many as possible of the individuals on the Black List.

32. If necessary, offensive action by our ground and air forces must be taken against recalcitrant forces or resisters.

OTHER COMMITMENTS

Prisoners of War

33. Arrangements must be made at the earliest possible moment for the care and maintenance of all United Nations Prisoners of War in the Supreme Commander's Sphere (See 'ECLIPSE' Memorandum No. 8). United Nations Prisoners of War in the Russian occupational zone, where the majority of the British and US Prisoners of War are located, will ~~be~~ be cared for by the Russians under reciprocal arrangements.

34. Should the German system of maintenance break down, food must be provided under arrangements to be made by Army Groups in their respective areas. In case of emergency, arrangements are being made by Supreme Headquarters, AEF for a supply of food parcels to be available in the UNITED KINGDOM for delivery by air (free-dropped).

35. Where circumstances permit and facilities exist, consideration will be given to the evacuation of Prisoners of War by air.

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36. During the advance in the Primary Phase, Army Groups must be prepared to divert such forces as are necessary to liberate and protect all Prisoners of War Camps lying within the area uncovered, or even outside that area so long as the success of the advance is not thereby jeopardised.

Displaced Persons

37. Arrangements must also be made to control and where possible take care of United Nations displaced persons in areas uncovered, and to ensure that the German authorities take necessary measures to control enemy and ex-enemy displaced persons and refugees. Failure to establish prompt control would seriously interfere with Allied military traffic, and might make imperative the bringing up of relief supplies on a considerable scale. An uncontrolled Westward movement of United Nations displaced persons towards the liberated countries might impose an unmanageable burden on the recently re-established Allied governments.

38. These arrangements will take the form of the deployment in GERMANY of personnel in areas where there are large concentrations of displaced persons, to organise control machinery for emergency care and to canalise movement across the frontiers to Allied Reception Centers. Commanders will be responsible for providing these personnel either from Military Government personnel already allotted to them or from normal military sources.

39. At all stages military commanders will be responsible for the care and control of all United Nations displaced persons awaiting repatriation within the area uncovered. They will ensure that the German authorities provide supplies and services as necessary.

40. Relief supplies for United Nations displaced persons will be taken in at the earliest possible moment for use where local supplies are not available.

41. The subsequent repatriation of United Nations displaced persons will be carried out in accordance with the instructions issued by Supreme Headquarters, AEF.

Specialist Personnel

42. Arrangements must also be made for the move, as early as conditions permit, into GERMANY and throughout other enemy occupied areas of key personnel and parties to initiate:-

a. Intelligence activities, including seizure of documents, secret processes and installations and proscribed persons.

b. Control of information centres, such as radio stations, newspapers, etc.

c. Seizure of important German equipment required early for our use in other theatres.

d. Control of German governmental and naval, military and air organisations.

e. Control of transportation, postal and tele-communications.

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43. In certain cases these tasks will be of sufficient importance to warrant the provision of a military escort, capable of offensive action.

Safeguarding of German War Material

44. Arrangements must be made to begin the initial safeguarding of German war material. This will ultimately involve the sorting and listing of all German war material, both in GERMANY and the liberated territories. The responsibility for the safeguarding of war material and for supervising its disposal in accordance with instructions received will rest with the Commander in whose area the material is located, except that Communications Zone will take over German war material from US Army Groups. Present arrangements for dealing with experimental types of equipment will remain unaltered.

45. It is desirable that a Supreme Headquarters, AEF Military Mission, with naval and air representation, should be despatched to DENMARK to establish contact with the Danish Government as soon as conditions permit. If Allied military assistance is required to establish control over enemy forces in DENMARK, this assistance would be a Secondary Phase task and the Military Mission would not go in until the Secondary Phase. If, however, no Allied military assistance is required, the Military Mission may be moved in with a small escort in the Primary Phase.

NORWAY

46. Owing to the time required to mount operations to NORWAY, it will be necessary to withdraw from Army Groups, at the beginning of the Primary Phase, one British division and one US regiment reinforced, together with certain ancillary units for Operation 'APOSTLE' (unless the forces for 'APOSTLE' have previously been drawn into reserve). Certain British Tactical Air Force units will also have to be withdrawn for this task.

CHANNEL ISLANDS

47. Any commitments for Operation 'NEST EGG' that are outstanding may have to be met early in the Primary Phase.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS

48. Lines of Communication. Ls of C during this phase will initially follow the main lines of advance and will be mostly by road, in extension of the rail Ls of C operating at the time when 'ECLIPSE' begins.

Ls of C must, however, be planned from the start with a view to the eventual lay-out for the maintenance of the Allied Forces during the final stages of occupation. Priority for development will be dependent to a considerable extent on existing bridges over the RHINE; disregarding this factor, which is unpredictable, development of Ls of C is likely to be as follows:-

a. British

- (1) NIJMEGEN - OSNABRUCK - BREMEN - HAMBURG - KIEL
- (2) HAMBURG - BERLIN
- (3) An L of C OSNABRUCK - HANOVER may also be required.

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b. US

- (1) ANTWERP - COLOGNE - HANOVER - BERLIN (to be transferred eventually to British)
- (2) STRASBOURG - KARLSRUHE - STUTTGART - MUNICH
- (3) SAARBRUCKEN - FRANKFURT - KASSEL
- (4) KARLSRUHE - NURENBURG

49. Sixth Army Group. Depending on the date of commencement of 'ECLIPSE' it is possible that Sixth Army Group may not be able to advance rapidly into GERMANY, owing to lack of transportation resources. In this event a decision will have to be made as to whether further resources will have to be re-allocated to Sixth Army Group.

50. Operation 'APOSTLE'. If it has not already been done, the provision of administrative troops and shipping for this operation will have to be made as soon as possible, and movement to the mounting area carried out.

51. Maintenance Requirements. These can be substantially reduced and landings of certain stores can be suspended.

52. Air Supply. Owing to the possibility of weather interference and to probable air transport and troop carrier commitments for air-borne operations, feeding and evacuation of prisoners of war and flying in of key personnel, no plans for the maintenance by air of 'ECLIPSE' task forces (other than airborne) should be made.

SECONDARY PHASE

TIMING

53. Secondary Phase tasks have priority below those of the Primary Phase (see paragraph 24 above) but will not be delayed if they can be implemented simultaneously.

TASKS IN GERMANY

54. Tasks in GERMANY in the Secondary Phase will include the following:-

a. The further disarmament and the disposal of the German land, sea and air forces, and of para-military organisations.

b. The occupation of such further important areas in GERMANY as are not already in our hands, notably:- (See Map 'MA')

- (1) The ports of BREMEN, BREMERHAVEN, CUXHAVEN and WILHELMSHAVEN, the approaches to these ports and to HAMBURG, and the islands covering these approaches. In particular CUXHAVEN should be given a very high priority as it will be required early as a mine-sweeping base.

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(2) HANOVER - BRUNSWICK area.

(3) MUNSTER - DORTMUND area.

(4) KASSEL area.

(5) COLOGNE - KOBLENZ area.

(6) FRANKFURT - WIESBADEN - MAINZ area.

(7) MANNHEIM - KARLSRUHE - STUTTGART area.

c. The establishing of law and order throughout the Supreme Commander's sphere of occupation, as far as the military situation permits.

d. The establishing of frontier control as required.

e. The redistribution of US and British forces to conform to the National Zones in GERMANY. This will not begin until the occupation of the whole of the AEF sphere of GERMANY has been satisfactorily completed.

Method

55. During this phase Commanders will have to undertake the enlargement of the primary areas of occupation: firstly by occupying further important areas (see paragraph 54 b. above) and establishing frontier control; and later by establishing control throughout their areas of responsibility as laid down by the Supreme Commander.

56. In the early stages of the occupation of GERMANY, Twelfth Army Group/Ninth Air Force will be required to occupy areas in the Northern (British) Zone. In such areas Twelfth Army Group/Ninth Air Force will be responsible, prior to handing them over to 21st Army Group/Second Tactical Air Force, for all necessary action, including the setting up of disarmament, Military Government and other Specialist Teams. In order that continuity may be ensured after the handing over, British Specialist personnel will be introduced beforehand into the areas, in accordance with the instructions issued for each particular specialist function.

57. The areas in the Northern Zone, occupied by US Forces, will be handed over progressively to 21st Army Group/Second Tactical Air Force, until eventually the Northern and Southern Zones are occupied by British and US Forces respectively. During the process of handing over, the adjustment of boundaries between 21st Army Group/Second Tactical Air Force and Twelfth Army Group/Ninth Air Force will be carried out under the orders of the Supreme Commander.

58. BREMEN and BREMERHAVEN are, however, to be used as ports of supply for US Forces and a US enclave will therefore be established in this area (See Map 'MB'). 21st Army Group will hand over the enclave, at a time to be decided by the Supreme Commander, to a Commander appointed by Twelfth Army Group. US Specialist personnel will be included in the staffs set up by 21st Army Group, prior to the handing over of the enclave, in the same manner as for paragraph 56 above.

59. Ultimately, Twelfth Army Group/Ninth Air Force will be responsible throughout the whole of the final United States Zone of occupation in GERMANY and, at a stage in the operation to be decided

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by the Supreme Commander, Sixth Army Group Headquarters will be withdrawn from GERMANY. Consequently, Twelfth Army Group will be responsible for coordinating with Sixth Army Group all army planning in connection with the final occupation of the United States Zone in GERMANY, which is required on an army group level. Ninth Air Force will be responsible for all Air planning in connection with the final occupation of the United States Zone in GERMANY throughout.

60. The final organisation of the occupying ground forces, as planned, is illustrated at Map 'MB1'. This envisages ~~two~~ ^{two} military Districts in ~~the US Zone~~ ^{the US Zone and 4 military districts in the British Zone}. The preliminary occupation of GERMANY should be organised as far as possible to conform to the final layout.

61. Any US/British forces which move into the Russian Zone of occupation will be withdrawn behind the Supreme Commander's boundary, as soon as Russian forces can take over.

62. The allied forces in BERLIN will be adjusted to a strength of one US and one British division, and appropriate Tactical Air Forces of each nationality.

63. Further instructions on aspects of the tasks to be carried out will be issued from time to time in directives and in 'ECLIPSE' Memoranda. A list of the latter already prepared or in course of preparation is given at Appendix 'B'.

OTHER COMMITMENTS

Liberated countries

64. The final disarmament and the disposal of enemy forces and fortifications in liberated countries WEST of GERMANY must be carried out, and the withdrawal of US and British forces from these areas should be initiated.

DENMARK

65. If an Allied military force is required to assist in the disarmament and control of German forces in DENMARK, it must be dispatched by 21st Army Group during this phase (see also paragraph 45).

Return of Germans to GERMANY

66. The transfer of certain German personnel from other areas, including NORWAY, may start during this phase.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS

67. Ports. After the Allied Armies have reached their respective national zones in GERMANY, their maintenance will be based as far as possible on ports in North-West GERMANY as soon as these can be opened and developed. During and after this period of development, certain ports in the Low Countries and in FRANCE will have to be used to supplement German ports. Early steps must be taken to open HAMBURG for the use of British forces and to open BREMERHAVEN/BREMEN for the use of and operation by US Forces. The latter will necessitate the phasing in of US administrative personnel for the opening, operation and development of the BREMERHAVEN/BREMEN area with the advance of 21st Army Group.

68. Ls of C. Work should continue on developing Ls of C (See Paragraph 48). In addition a US L of C will have to be developed and operated from BREMEN across the British Zone to KASSEL (tentatively via HANOVER and GOTTINGEN).

69. Advanced Bases. It will be necessary at this stage to start developing advanced bases in GERMANY, leaving only such transit areas in the Low Countries as are essential. Suitable bases for the AEF in GERMANY might be HAMBURG and WESEL or COLOGNE for the British forces and FRANKFURT for the US forces.

70. After the occupation of all the objectives in the phase, the main administrative problems will be:-

a. The adjustment of the forces to conform to the International Boundaries and the organisation of an administrative layout suitable to serve economically widely dispersed semi-static forces,

b. Readjustment of the Ls of C in accordance with the final zones of occupation.

c. Initiating the evacuation of surplus US and British forces not required for occupational duties in GERMANY. In respect of land forces, this is likely ultimately to involve the movement from the Continent of more than thirty divisions. In respect of air forces, estimates of the occupational air forces will be contained in the 'ECLIPSE' Overall Air Plan to be issued separately. The ports to be used for the evacuation of these forces will naturally be governed to a large extent by their ultimate destination; it is almost certain, however, that MARSEILLES and a North-West French port will be required during this period.

d. Initiating the disposal of surplus stores in depot areas and ports in FRANCE and the Low Countries and the closing down of those Ls of C in these countries which are no longer required for the support of our forces in GERMANY. In view of the large stocks and wide dispersion of the installations concerned, this is unlikely to be accomplished for at least a year after the cessation of hostilities.

71. DENMARK. If a force is dispatched to DENMARK its maintenance will be carried out initially by land.

72. Operations in Liberated Territories WEST of GERMANY. The support of these operations must be carried out from the nearest existing L of C; in certain circumstances this may require the diversion of considerable administrative effort, which factor must be taken into consideration when deciding relative priorities.

SECTION V

COMMAND AND CONTROL

GENERAL

73. Operation 'ECLIPSE' is the military continuation of Operation 'OVERLORD' and the system of command and control of naval, ground and air forces will, with certain special exceptions mentioned below, remain as currently in force on 'A' Day, until command in GERMANY is handed over to Tripartite control.

NORMAL COMMAND AND CONTROL ORGANIZATION

Naval Forces

74. All British, US and Allied naval personnel ashore on the Continent, including naval components of the Control Commission/Council, will be under the command of Allied Naval Commander, Expeditionary Force (ANCXF).

75. Similarly all British, US and Allied warships placed under the control of the Supreme Commander will be under the command of the Allied Naval Commander, Expeditionary Force.

76. The British Home Naval Commands will be responsible to the Admiralty for the following:-

a. All naval operations within the normal limits of their command, except those amphibious operations conducted from the continent by ANCXF on behalf of the Supreme Commander.

(Note: ANCXF will be responsible for representing to the Home Commanders-in-Chief naval operational requirements of the Supreme Commander not covered by the above exception.)

b. The administration of British naval forces ashore on the Continent.

77. COMNAVEU will be responsible for the administration and logistic support of all US naval forces in the European Theatre.

Land Forces

British Land Forces on the Continent

78. British forces on the continent, except for the operational control of those in BERLIN, will be under the command of 21st Army Group.

79. US Ground Forces in GERMANY except for the operational control of those in BERLIN, will be under command of Commanding Generals of Army Groups or Communications Zone, as assigned; and will be subject to Commanding Generals, Army Groups, as regards necessary area control, security, and military government.

80. US forces on the Continent or in the UNITED KINGDOM, but not in GERMANY, will be under command of the Commanding General, European Theatre of Operations.

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Allied Land Forces other than US and British

82. Allied land forces other than US and British may participate in operations in GERMANY and will do so under command of US or British Army Groups. In the case of French forces, French personnel will participate in military government and disarmament in areas of occupation in which their forces are established.

83. Command and control of those Allied forces not participating in operations in GERMANY will remain as in force on 'A' Day, pending their transfer to the command of the National Authorities concerned.

AIR FORCES

General

84. The Deputy Supreme Commander will be responsible to the Supreme Commander for the coordination of all air operations in support of 'ECLIPSE'.

Command and Control of Air Forces

85. The command and control of air forces, including air lift resources within the AEF, and the arrangements regarding the participation of strategic air forces, as they exist in 'OVERLORD', will continue during 'ECLIPSE' with the exception of the command and control of US and British Air Forces in the BERLIN district.

Allied Air Forces other than US or British

86. French, Belgian and other Allied air forces other than US or British, based on the Continent within the sphere of responsibility of the Supreme Commander, will participate in the operations under command of either Tactical Air Force, as required. In addition, and for operations within the frontiers of their own countries, pending transfer of command to the National Authorities concerned, they may be required to operate under the direct operational control of the Supreme Commander or of a Commander appointed by him.

SPECIAL COMMAND AND CONTROL ORGANIZATION IN 'ECLIPSE'

US Land Forces in GERMANY

87. During the Secondary Phase, at a time to be decided by the Supreme Commander, Twelfth Army Group will assume command of Sixth Army Group forces in GERMANY.

BERLIN

88. A District Headquarters, with a Commander directly under the Supreme Commander, will be set up as early as possible in BERLIN to command the Allied forces there, on an integrated basis. Before the setting up of the District Headquarters, command will remain with the commander of the forces responsible for seizing the city.

89. Allied Tactical Air Forces in the BERLIN district will be commanded by an Air Force Commander, with an integrated staff, responsible on air matters to the Supreme Commander. They will be administered by Ninth Air Force/Second Tactical Air Force as appropriate.

BREMEN and BREMERHAVEN Areas

90. To provide adequate control, sources of labour and staging areas for US forces it will be assumed, for purposes of planning, that the following areas are included in the US zone of occupation:-

- a. The LAND (State) of BREMEN in its entirety.
- b. The KREIS of WESERMUNDE and the KREIS of OSTERHOLZ in the government district of STADE, province of HANOVER.
- c. The River WESER from its mouth to BREMEN inclusive.

The US commander, when he takes over command within these boundaries, will be responsible to Twelfth Army Group for local security, disarmament and control of German forces and Military Government. He will coordinate these with the policies of the HANOVER Military District Commander, with whom he will maintain constant touch. He will be responsible to Commanding General, Communications Zone, for logistical operations.

91. The general security of the L of C from these two ports will be the responsibility of the ~~Army~~ District Commanders concerned. Train guards and escorts for convoys, as required, and operation of the railway BREMEN-HANOVER-GOTTINGEN will be a US responsibility: necessary local coordination will be effected with the British Movement Control.

DENMARK

92. The Military Mission to DENMARK will be directly responsible to the Supreme Commander, through the Naval Commander-in-Chief in the case of the Naval representative.

93. Allied ground forces operating in DENMARK will be under command of 21st Army Group; air forces will be under the command of Second Tactical Air Force.

Control Commission/Council

94. Until the termination of the Supreme Commander's responsibility for the US/British sphere in GERMANY, such elements of the Control Commission/Council as are established on the Continent will be under the Supreme Commander for command and control.

CHANNEL ISLANDS and NORWAY

95. Operation 'NEST EGG' will be carried out by joint Naval, Army and Air Commanders under the general direction of the Supreme Commander, air command being exercised through RAF Fighter Command and the appropriate RAF Fighter Group. Plans and preparations for this operation are at present being conducted by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, Commander-in-Chief, PLYMOUTH, and Air Officer Commanding No. 10 Group, RAF.

96. As soon as operations in the CHANNEL ISLANDS are concluded, command and control of land forces there will revert to the War Office. Command and control of air forces will be exercised by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, RAF, through the appropriate RAF Fighter Group.

97. Operations 'ALADDIN' or 'APOSTLE' will similarly be conducted by joint commanders under the general direction of the Supreme Commander. Plans and preparations for these operations are at present being conducted by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command, Commander-in-Chief, ROSYTH, and Air Officer Commanding No. 13 Group, RAF.

COMMAND AND CONTROL AFTER INSTITUTION OF TRIPARTITE GOVERNMENT

98. The system of command and control on the Continent after the institution of Tripartite Military Government in GERMANY will be the subject of separate instructions.

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SECTION VI

OUTLINE PLAN

99. A suggested outline plan for 'ECLIPSE' is given below. Operations are divided into two phases, for clarity. Any forces and resources available for carrying out Secondary phase roles will be used for these as soon as possible after 'A' Day, but Primary phase tasks will have absolute priority.

PRIMARY PHASE

100. 21 Army Group and Second Tactical Air Force will, as appropriate:-

- a. Dispatch forces by land to occupy the KIEL - HAMBURG area and protect the L of C thoroto. Depending on the situation at the time, airborne forces may already be located in the KIEL area when the overland forces arrive. In this event the airborne task force will come under command of the ground force commander on his arrival and will be relieved by ground forces as soon as possible.
- b. Carry out, so far as is required to ensure security, the primary disarmament and masking of enemy forces in contact with their forces and astride or flanking their axis of advance. The axis of advance should be adjusted to minimise the diversion of forces for security duties.
- c. Dispatch a land force (approximately one Division) under command of Twelfth Army Group to BERLIN. If airborne forces are already located in the BERLIN area, this force will eventually relieve them.
- d. Dispatch air forces (one Fighter/Bomber Wing and appropriate Communication Squadrons) to BERLIN.
- e. Carry out the primary disarmament of German air forces astride the axis of advance or located in the KIEL - HAMBURG area.
- f. Carry out the safeguarding of German war material which comes under their control.
- g. Maintain a tactical air threat to the German forces with which they come into contact.
- h. Be prepared to take offensive action by land or air against sporadic resistance.
- i. Provide detachments necessary for the relief and evacuation of United Nations prisoners of war, for operating Assembly Centres, and for relief and repatriation of United Nations displaced persons.
- j. Institute Military Government in areas as they are occupied.
- k. Provide one British Division and ancillary troops for operation 'APOSTIE', unless already carried out, and any additional forces that may be required for operations in NORWAY.
- l. Provide escorts for special parties ordered by the Supreme Commander to seize targets mentioned in paragraph 42.

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101. Twelfth Army Group and Ninth Air Force will, as appropriate:-

a. Dispatch land forces, including approximately one division from 21 Army Group, to open an L of C to BERLIN, and also to occupy the city, relieving any airborne forces which have already occupied it. If Russian forces are in BERLIN, Allied forces will occupy only the US and British sectors. (See Appendix 'A' and Map 'MC').

b. Dispatch air forces (one Fighter/Bomber group and one Air Transport group) to BERLIN.

c. Occupy the SAAR and the RUHR, unless they are already in our hands.

d. Carry out, so far as is required to ensure security, the primary disarmament and masking of enemy forces in contact with their forces, and astride or flanking their axis of advance. The axis of advance should be adjusted to minimise the diversion of forces for security duties.

e. Carry out the primary disarmament of German air forces astride the axis of advance, or located in the BERLIN and the SAAR and RUHR areas.

f. Carry out the safeguarding of German war material which comes under their control.

g. Maintain a tactical air threat to the German forces with which they come into contact.

h. Be prepared to take offensive action by land or air against sporadic resistance.

i. Provide detachments necessary for the relief and evacuation of United Nations prisoners of war, for operating Assembly Centres, and for relief and repatriation of United Nations displaced persons.

j. Institute Military Government in areas as they are occupied.

k. Introduce into BERLIN the District Commander and his staff and such other specialist personnel as Supreme Headquarters, AEF, directs, unless they have already been introduced by air.

l. Provide Task Force 'NIGHTLIGHT' (one Infantry Regiment reinforced and certain ancillary troops for operation 'APOSTLE', unless already carried out,) and any additional forces that may be required for operations in NORWAY.

m. Provide escorts for special parties ordered by the Supreme Commander to seize targets mentioned in Paragraph 42.

In addition, if required at the time:-

n. Dispatch a force to the LEIPZIG - DRESDEN area. This force will be withdrawn as soon as Russian forces are able to take over

102. Sixth Army Group and First Tactical Air Force (Provisional) will, as appropriate:-

- a. Dispatch a force to occupy the NUREMBURG - REGENSBURG - MUNICH area, and protect the L of C thereto.
- b. Carry out, so far as is required to ensure security, the primary disarmament and masking of enemy forces in contact with their forces, and astride or flanking their axis of advance. The axis of advance should be adjusted to minimise the diversion of forces for security duties.
- c. Carry out the primary disarmament of German air forces astride the axis of advance or located in the NUREMBURG - REGENSBURG - MUNICH areas.
- d. Carry out the safeguarding of German war material which comes under their control.
- e. Maintain a tactical air threat to the German forces with which they come into contact.
- f. Be prepared to take offensive action by land or air against sporadic resistance.
- g. Provide detachments necessary for the relief and evacuation of United Nations prisoners of war, for operating Assembly Centres, and for relief and repatriation of United Nations displaced persons.
- h. Institute Military Government in areas as they are occupied.
- i. Provide escorts for special parties ordered by the Supreme Commander to seize targets mentioned in Paragraph 42.

103. Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army will be prepared to carry out airborne operations, under the general direction of the Supreme Commander, and in consultation with the appropriate Naval, Military and Air Commanders as necessary:-

- a. To seize an airhead in BERLIN; provide escorts for specialist personnel activities in the city, and introduce the District Commander and staff, if appropriate at the time.
- b. To seize an airhead, and provide escorts for specialist personnel activities, in the KIEL area.
- c. To carry out any subsidiary operations of a minor nature, which the circumstances may dictate.

104. District Commander, BERLIN, and Air Commander, BERLIN, will, when established, as appropriate:-

- a. Exercise all command functions, including Military Government and disarmament, within AEF Sectors of BERLIN, and in the whole of the International Zone of BERLIN until the arrival of the Russians.
- b. Administer all British and US forces, and other Allied personnel, stationed within the AEF Sectors of BERLIN.

In addition:-

- c. On local problems affecting the BERLIN area the District Commander will liaise directly with the Commander of the Russian forces in BERLIN.

105. Allied Naval Commander, Expeditionary Force, will be responsible throughout the operation for:-

- a. Issuing all orders, on behalf of the Supreme Commander, to German naval authorities, in particular orders to supplement the terms of surrender.
- b. Primary disarmament of German naval forces within the sphere of responsibility of the Supreme Commander.
- c. Coordinating all sea movement in connection with the maintenance of the land forces.
- d. Arranging with the appropriate authorities for the opening of the necessary sea lines of communication and ports.
- e. Arranging with the appropriate authorities for the provision of personnel for Naval Control and Disarmament Components, including those for KIEL and BERLIN.
- f. Coordinating, from the inter-service aspect, all plans made by British Home Naval Commands and US naval authorities.

106. The Commanding General, Communications Zone, will be responsible for:-

- a. The disarmament and disposal of German forces and safeguarding of surrendered war material on the continent within his area of responsibility. (This does not include GERMANY).
- b. The administrative support of all US forces in GERMANY, including those in BERLIN.

d. Taking over as it is made available enemy war material from Army Groups and common user items from the Air Forces and the Navy and further assembling, segregation, report and disposal of this material in accordance with directions from SHAEF. MANY, out normal coordination or policy, will undertake direct responsibility throughout the operation for:-

- a. (i) Arranging with the Allied Strategic Air Forces for strategic air operations, including threats, in support of 'ECLIPSE'. This will include the use of Strategic Air Forces on missions for certain specialist and key personnel (see paragraph 42).
- (ii) Coordinating strategical and tactical air operations, including threats and air aspects of airborne operations in support of 'ECLIPSE'.
- (iii) Coordinating the introduction of the Air Commander, BERLIN District, and his staff, and Air Force elements of the Second Tactical Air Force and Ninth Air Force into the BERLIN Area with that of the BERLIN District Headquarters and corresponding land forces.
- b. Arranging the implementation of operations (including air) to the CHANNEL ISLANDS and NORWAY ('NEST EGG' and 'APOSTLE').
- c. Allocating boundaries between Army Groups/Tactical Air Forces.

d. Arranging with the authorities concerned for the dispatch by air or land or sea into GERMANY of units or personnel not previously under the command or control of Army Groups and their associated air forces or of First Allied Airborne Army. This will include the introduction of elements of the Control Commission/Council into BERLIN.

e. Coordinating all air lift operations, including the allocation of priorities.

f. Issuing orders to the German authorities (including air authorities); in particular, orders to supplement the terms of surrender if a surrender occurs.

g. Control of the German ministries, including the Service ministries, through the elements of the Control Commission/Council in BERLIN.

h. Liaison with the Russians and with AFHQ, except when specifically delegated.

i. General coordination of control and disarmament of the German Forces, including Air Forces, and disposal of enemy war material.

j. Coordination of movement and evacuation of United Nations prisoners of war and United Nations displaced persons where inter-zonal or inter-frontier movement is involved.

k. General control of policy for Military Government and for information services in Army Group areas and direct exercise of control, through the District Commander, in the Supreme Commander's Sectors of BERLIN.

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OUTLINE PLANSECONDARY PHASE

108. It is emphasised that Secondary Phase tasks will not be delayed until the completion of Primary Phase tasks, but will be carried out simultaneously far as resources and conditions at the time permit. (See paragraph 99).

109. 21st Army Group and Second Tactical Air Force, as appropriate, will be responsible for the following, in addition to the tasks laid down in paragraph 100 above:-

- a. Dispatching forces as rapidly as possible to such of the strategic areas listed in paragraph 54 b. as are not already occupied and are NORTH of the boundary with Twelfth Army Group/Ninth Air Force at the time, with the ultimate object of gaining complete control, including control of German frontiers, throughout their area. (See Maps 'MA' and 'MB'.) In particular, the seizure of CUXHAVEN must have a very high priority.
- b. Dispatching a force to disarm and control German forces in DENMARK, if the situation at the time so demands.
- c. Opening the port of HAMBURG with their own resources, seizing and clearing the approaches to BREMEN and BREMERHAVEN in conjunction with the US Naval and Service of Supply units allocated for the opening of these ports. If German islands lying off these ports have not surrendered, it may be necessary to mount operations to reduce them.
- d. Continuing the disarmament and disposal of German forces and surrendered war material in their operational areas, which may include the Liberated Territories.
- e. Adjusting the forces, as required, for the occupation of BERLIN.
- f. Completely establishing military government throughout the area of GERMANY occupied by their forces, on the basis of Military Districts. (See Map 'MB').
- g. Establishing contact with the Russian forces of occupation, and conforming to the inter-zonal boundary with RUSSIA.
- h. The taking over progressively from Twelfth Army Group/Ninth Air Force of those parts of the British Zone occupied by US forces and the handing over of the enclave at BREMEN and BREMERHAVEN to US forces.
- i. The acceptance and subsequent control of German personnel from outside GERMANY, if this is initiated.

110. Twelfth Army Group and Ninth Air Force, as appropriate, will be responsible for the following, in addition to the tasks laid down in paragraph 101 above:-

- a. Dispatching forces as rapidly as possible to such of the strategic areas listed in paragraph 54 b. as are not already occupied and lie within Twelfth Army Group/Ninth Air Force boundaries; with the ultimate object of gaining complete control, including control of German frontiers, throughout their area. (See Maps 'MA' and 'MB').

b. Continuing the disarmament and disposal of German forces and enemy war material in their operational areas, which may include liberated territories, until such material is turned over to Communications Zone.

c. Adjusting the forces, as required, for the occupation of BERLIN.

d. Completely establishing military government throughout the areas of GERMANY occupied by their forces, on the basis of Military Districts. (See Map 'MB').

e. Establishing contact with the Russian forces of occupation and conforming to the inter-zonal boundary with RUSSIA.

f. The handing over progressively to 21st Army Group/Second Tactical Air Force of those parts of the British Zone occupied by US forces, and the taking over from 21st Army Group of the enclave at BREMEN and BREMERHAVEN.

g. The acceptance and subsequent control of German personnel from outside GERMANY, if this is initiated.

111. Sixth Army Group in concert with First Tactical Air Force (Provisional), as appropriate, will be responsible until relieved by Twelfth Army Group for the following, in addition to the tasks laid down in paragraph 102 above:-

a. Dispatching forces as rapidly as possible to such of the strategic areas listed in paragraph 54 b. above as are not already occupied and lie within Sixth Army Group boundaries at the time, with the ultimate object of gaining complete control, including control of German frontiers, throughout its area. (See Maps 'MA' and 'MB').

b. Continuing the disarmament and disposal of German forces and enemy war material in its operational area, until such material is turned over to Communications Zone.

c. Completely establishing military government throughout the area of GERMANY occupied by its forces, on the basis of Military Districts. (See Map 'MB').

d. Establishing contact with the Russian forces, and forces under Allied Force Headquarters, and conforming to the inter-zonal boundary with RUSSIA.

e. The acceptance and subsequent control of German personnel from outside GERMANY, if this is initiated.

f. Furnishing French forces as ordered to Twelfth Army Group/Ninth Air Force and 21st Army Group/Second Tactical Air Force.

112. Allied Naval Commander, Expeditionary Force, will be responsible for the following, in addition to the responsibilities outlined in paragraph 105:-

a. Arranging for the establishment of control by sea-going forces in German NORTH Sea waters.

b. Establishing a minesweeping base at CUXHAVEN.

c. Opening up the ports and establishing Naval Control Missions at:-

HAMBURG
BREMERHAVEN
BREMEN

d. Establishing of Naval Control Missions at:-

WILHELMSHAVEN
CUXHAVEN (including BRUNSBUTTEL)
EMDEN
FLIENSBURG
LUBECK
SYLT
HELGOLAND

e. Continuing disarmament and initiating the disposal of German naval forces.

113. Commanding General, Communications Zone will be responsible for:-

a. Completing the disarmament and disposal of German forces on the Continent within his area of responsibility. (This does not include GERMANY).

b. Administrative support of all US forces in GERMANY including those in BERLIN. Specifically this will entail the opening of the ports of BREMEN and BREMERHAVEN and of a new Line of Communication SOUTH from them.

c. Operation of US Lines of Communication within GERMANY, including those required for the enclave at BREMEN and BREMERHAVEN and for a railroad from there to the US Zone. From there to the US Zone.

e. Taking over as it is made available enemy war material from Army Groups and common user items from the Air Force and the Navy and further assembling, segregation, report and disposal of this material in accordance with directions from SHAEF.

the following, in addition to the responsibilities outlined in paragraph 107:-

a. Issuing orders for the taking over of Sixth Army Group forces by Twelfth Army Group.

b. Re-allocating French forces to Army Groups.

c. Organising the handing over of control in GERMANY to the Control Commission/Council.

DETAILED GUIDANCE

115. Guidance on the Supreme Commander's policy on various aspects of the operation will be issued in a series of 'ECLIPSE' Memoranda, a list of which (indicating their state of preparation) is at Appendix 'B' and in the ~~Handbook~~ Handbook.
 Military Occupation

116. The Naval and Air Plans for Operation 'ECLIPSE' are being issued separately by Allied Naval Commander, Expeditionary Force, and Supreme Headquarters, AEF.

SECTION VII

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

LAND FORCES

Primary Phase

117. During the Primary Phase, all ground forces under command of Army Groups will be available for the operation, with the exception that certain forces, as defined below, will be required for NORWAY, provided Operation 'ALADDIN' has not already taken place:-

a. 21st Army Group will provide 52nd Infantry Division and certain ancillary troops, as required at the time, for Operation 'APOSTLE'. Arrangements for their transfer to the UNITED KINGDOM or to NORWAY direct will be made by 21st Army Group, in conjunction with the War Office, Communications Zone, the Admiralty and Ministry of War Transport.

b. Twelfth Army Group will provide Task Force 'NIGHTLIGHT' (one infantry regiment (reinforced), and certain ancillary troops), for Operation 'APOSTLE'. Arrangements for their transfer to the UNITED KINGDOM or to NORWAY direct will be made by Communications Zone, in conjunction with 21st Army Group, the Admiralty and Ministry of War Transport.

Secondary Phase

118. During the Secondary Phase, it will be assumed for planning purposes that certain forces as defined below may be withdrawn from Army Groups and First Allied Airborne Army for redeployment, as soon as the operational situation permits:-

a. 21st Army Group

Two British Infantry Divisions
Canadian forces (to be progressively withdrawn)
Polish Armoured Division

b. Twelfth Army Group, Sixth Army Group (until absorbed into Twelfth Army Group) and First Allied Airborne Army will be prepared to move a proportion of the US forces under their command to processing areas on the Continent, where they will remain under the control of Communications Zone until they are re-embarked under the re-deployment scheme. One British Airborne Division may also be withdrawn for re-deployment during this phase.

c. French forces

French forces will be redeployed as follows:-

Four French divisions for internal security in FRANCE.	
Two French divisions to 21st Army Group) To be used in the occu- pation of GERMANY
Two French divisions to Twelfth Army Group	

AIR FORCES

Tactical Air Forces

119. All air forces under command of the Ninth Air Force and Second Tactical Air Force, including attached Air Forces of other

Allied Nations, will be available for the operation, with the exception that certain forces will be required for NORWAY (see paragraphs 120 and 121 below). The possibility, however, that certain Allied air forces may be transferred to the command of their respective national authorities between now and the time 'ECLIPSE' conditions arise should be borne in mind (see paragraph 86).

120. The air forces taking part in the operation to re-occupy the CHANNEL ISLANDS will be provided from the resources of Fighter Command which, together with Coastal Command, will also provide part of the air forces required for NORWAY. It will be necessary, however, for the Second Tactical Air Force to provide certain units, not available in Fighter Command, for operations in NORWAY whether these are carried out before or concurrently with 'ECLIPSE'. If possible Norwegian units will be provided for this purpose.

121. The air forces required for NORWAY will vary according to whether the country is occupied as a result of a German withdrawal ('ALADDIN'), a general German surrender ('APOSTLE I'), or a local German surrender ('APOSTLE II').

Strategic Air Forces

122. Subject to the re-deployment programme (see paragraph 126 below), and to the overall directives under which they may be operation, the available resources of the Allied Strategic Air Forces will be available to support 'ECLIPSE' where appropriate. These forces will be administered by, and operate under, their respective commanders.

Air Lift

123. The air lift currently available for 'OVERLORD' amounts to approximately 900 operational troop carrier aircraft from the Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier Command and 400 operational troop carrier aircraft from the British Troop Carrier Command. The proportion of these that will be available for 'ECLIPSE' will depend upon the intensity of Air Transport and airborne operations between now and the time when 'ECLIPSE' conditions are declared operative.

124. In addition, and subject to the provisions of paragraphs 122 and 126, the Allied Strategic Bomber Forces will be requested to assist 'ECLIPSE' air lift operations, if required. The use of these aircraft for air lift roles will, however, be limited to supply dropping and the landing and evacuation of men and material from airfields suitable for the operation of heavy aircraft. Certain slight modifications will be necessary to enable heavy bomber aircraft to fulfil this latter role.

Air Forces of Occupation

125. Initially, only Tactical Air Forces will be established in GERMANY. The strength of these will be in accordance with the operational, and other considerations prevailing at the time. In the Secondary Phase of 'ECLIPSE', however, it will be necessary to adjust the strength of the air forces to those required for longer term occupation. These occupationary air forces may include other than Tactical Air Force Units, their size and composition to be decided by the Air Ministry and War Department respectively.

Re-deployment Programme

126. Concurrently with 'ECLIPSE' it will be necessary to begin the redeployment of Allied Air Forces for the war against JAPAN. Indeed, in some cases, re-deployment may start before 'ECLIPSE' operations are begun. Thus, as 'ECLIPSE' operations progress, the air forces available in North Western EUROPE may progressively diminish.

DEFINITION OF ZONES

I. DEFINITION OF NATIONAL ZONES OF OCCUPATION WITHIN GERMANY

1. a. The territory of GERMANY (including the province of EAST PRUSSIA) situated to the EAST of a line drawn from the point on LUBECK BAY where the frontiers of SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN and MECKLENBURG meet, along the Western frontier of MECKLENBURG to the frontier of the province of HANOVER, thence along the Eastern frontier of HANOVER, to the frontier of BRUNSWICK, thence along the Western frontier of the Prussian province of SAXONY to the Western frontier of ANHALT; thence along the Western frontier of the Prussian province of SAXONY and the Western frontier of THURINGIA to where the latter meets the Bavarian frontier; thence Eastwards along the Northern frontier of BAVARIA to the 1937 Czechoslovakian frontier, will be occupied by armed forces of the USSR with the exception of the BERLIN area, for which a special system of occupation is provided below.

b. The British Forces under a British Commander will occupy GERMANY West of the RHINE, and East of the RHINE North of the line from KOBLENZ following the Northern border of HESSEN-NASSAU to the border of the area allocated to the SOVIET Government.

c. The forces of the UNITED STATES under a United States Commander will occupy GERMANY East of the RHINE, South of the line KOBLENZ-Northern border of HESSEN-NASSAU and West of the area allocated to the SOVIET Government. Control of the ports of BREMEN and BREMERHAVEN which lie in the British Zone, and the necessary staging areas in that immediate vicinity will be vested in the Commander of the American Zone.

d. Accurate delineating of the above outlined British and American Zones will be made at a later date.

2. The frontiers of states (LÄNDER) and provinces within GERMANY, referred to in the foregoing descriptions of the zones, are those which existed after the coming into effect of the decree of 25th June, 1941, (published in the REICHSGESETZBLATT, Part I, No 72, 3rd July, 1941).

II. DEFINITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE - BERLIN

3. The International Zone will comprise the City of BERLIN, by which expression is understood the territory of "Greater BERLIN" as defined by the law of 27th April, 1920. For this purpose, the territory of "Greater BERLIN" will be divided into three sectors:- (See Map 'MC')

a. North-Eastern part of the City (districts of PANKOW, PRENZLAUERBERG, MITTE, WEISSENSEE, HORST WESSEL-STADT, TREPTOW, KOPENICK) will be occupied by the forces of the USSR.

b. North-Western part of the City (districts of REINICKENDORF, WEDDING, TIERGARTEN, CHARLOTTENBURG, SPANDAU, WILMERSDORF) will be occupied by the forces of the UNITED KINGDOM.

c. Southern part of the City (districts of Zehlendorf, STEGLITZ, SCHÖNEBERG, KREUTZBERG, TEMPELHOF, NEUKOLLN) will be occupied by the forces of the USA.

4. The boundaries of districts within "Greater BERLIN" referred to in the foregoing descriptions, are those which existed after the coming into effect of the decree published on 27th March, 1938, (Amtsblatt der Reichshauptstadt BERLIN No 13 of 27th March, 1938, page 215).

5. Until the Tripartite Government assumes control in the international zone of BERLIN, the British and the American forces will maintain their present positions.

III - DEFINITION OF THE US ENCLAVE - BREMEN-BREMERHAVEN

"6. The Territory of GERMANY comprising the KREISE of WESTERMÜNDE, the KREISE of OSTERMÜNZ, the KREISE of EISENARSCH, the land (state) of BREMEN, and the WESER River from its mouth to BREMEN inclusive (see Map 'ND')." (See par 7 below)

STATUS OF 'ECLIPSE' MEMORANDA

TITLE	STATUS (as of 17 April 1945)
1. Instrument of Surrender; orders to German Military Authorities to supplement instrument; sanctions in the event of delinquency.	Revised draft circulated
4. Air Lift Plan	<u>Issued</u>
5. Requirements for Supplies, Services and Facilities in GERMANY	<u>Issued</u>
6. Signal communications and Radar	Revised memo. <u>Issued</u>
7. Intelligence occupation requirements and plan	<u>Issued</u>
8. Arrangements for Allied POW	Revised memo <u>Issued</u>
9. Primary disarmament of German <u>Land Forces</u> opposing us and short term disposal of surrendered war material	Being revised
10. Primary disarmament of German <u>Air Forces</u> opposing us and short term disposal of surrendered war material	<u>Issued</u>
11. Primary disarmament of German <u>Naval Forces</u> and short term disposal of surrendered war material	<u>Issued</u>
12. Digest of Civil Affairs consideration and plan (for Liberated territories)	Revised memo <u>Issued</u>
13. Digest of Military Government consideration for GERMANY	<u>Issued</u>
14. Control of displaced persons	<u>Issued</u>
15. Psychological Warfare requirements and plan	Revised memo <u>Issued</u>
16. Public Relations considerations and plan	<u>Issued</u>
17. Disbandment of German Armed forces	<u>Issued</u>
18. War Criminals and Security Suspects	<u>Issued</u>
19. Powers and Rights over persons in GERMANY	<u>Issued</u>

LEGEND

Primary Phase Objectives



German Frontier (1937)

Primary Phase Objectives if Russian Advance is slow



Boundary between A.E.F. & Russian Spheres

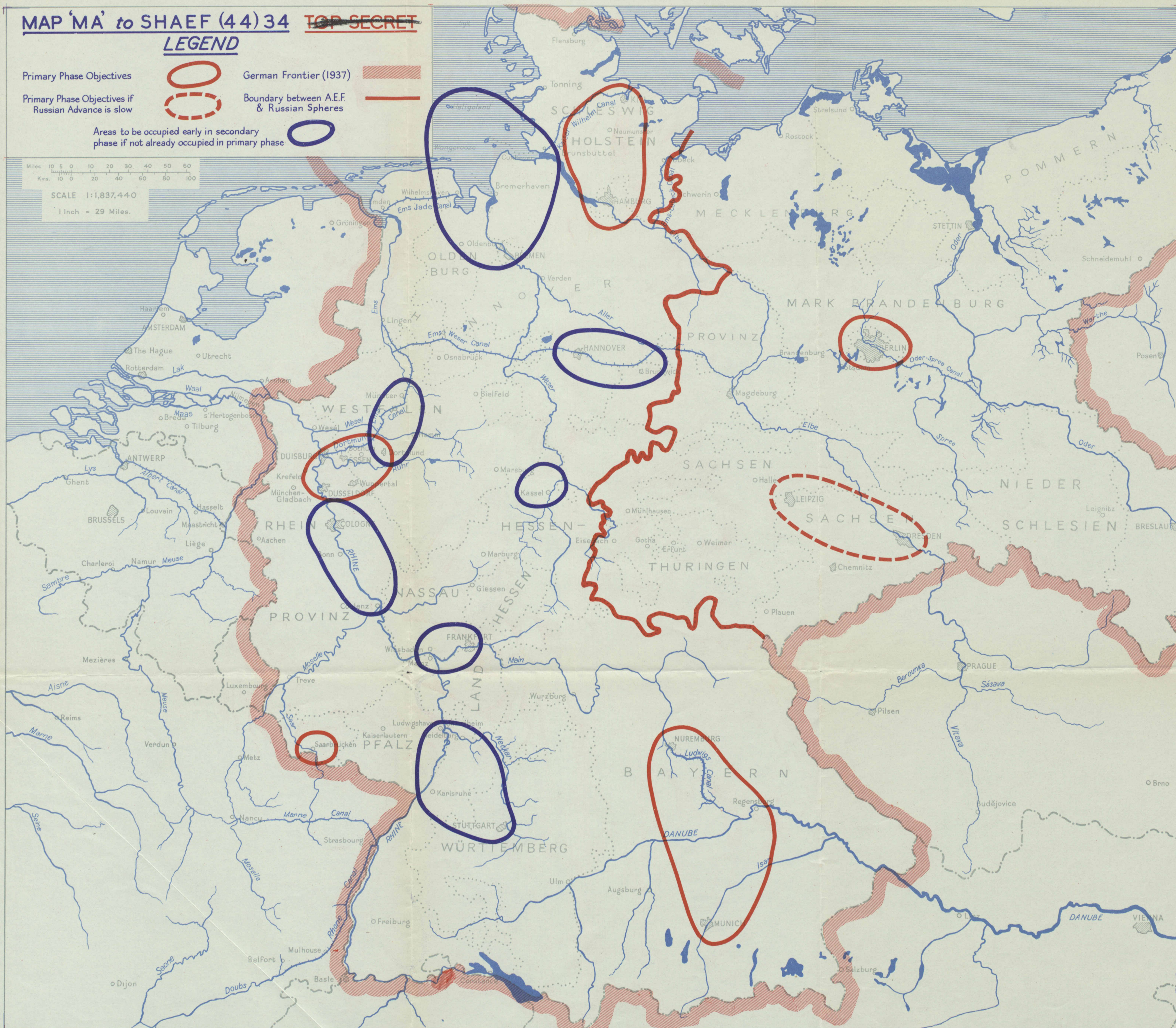
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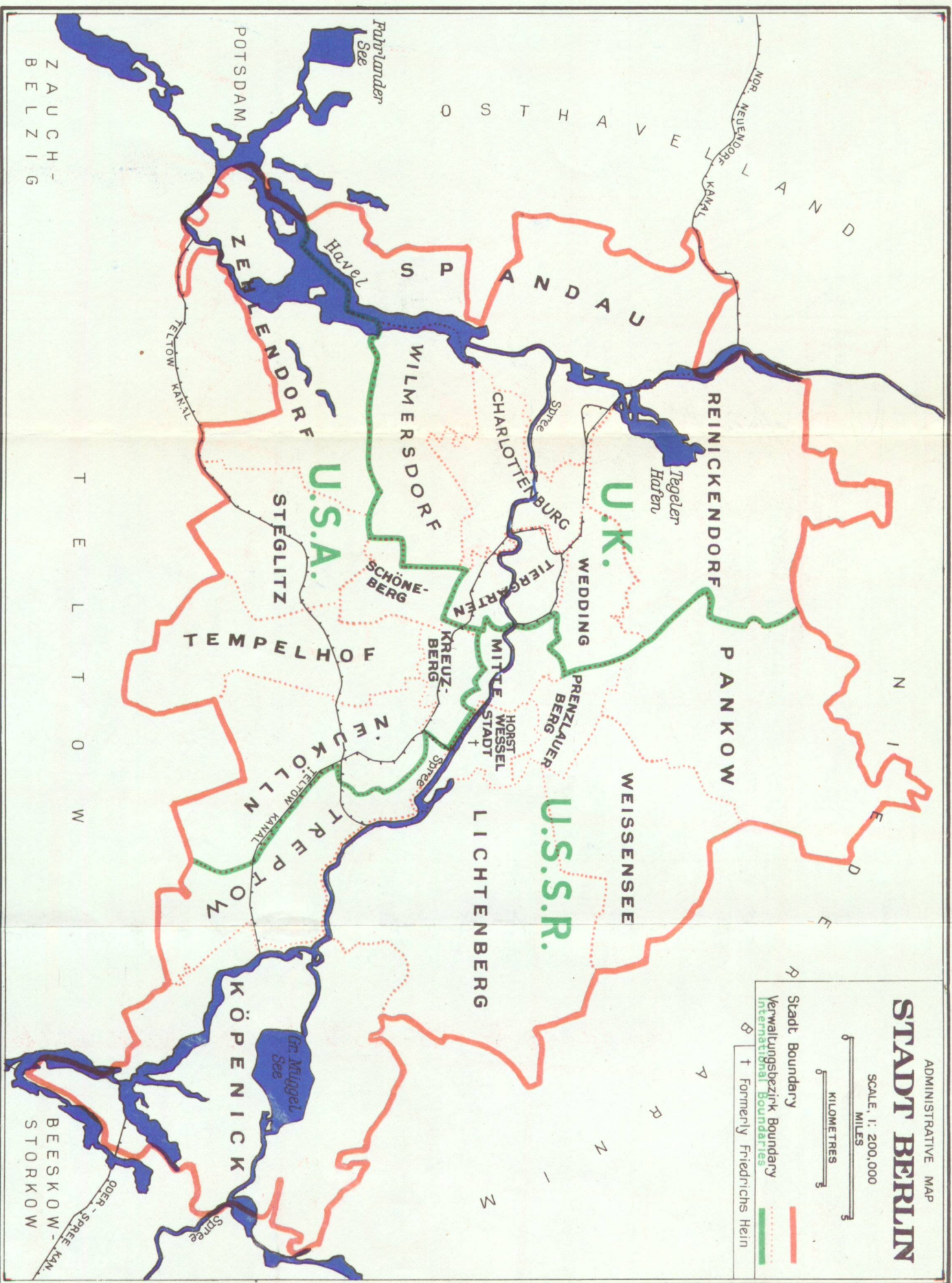


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LEGEND

- German Frontier (1937)
- Boundaries of National Zones
- Boundaries of Military Districts
- British Military District H.Q.
- U.S. Military District H.Q.

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